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SUBJ: SUPPORT VOICED FOR ACTING PRESIDENT

REF: BUENOS AIRES 4841

- 1. MRS. PERON SWORN IN TODAY AS ACTING PRESIDENT BEFORE CABINET, ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS, PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER AND PRESIDENT OF SUPREME TRIBUNAL.
- 2. A RANKING PERONIST CONGRESSMAN TOLD EMBOFF THIS AFTERNOON THAT IN MEETINGS THIS MORNING AND EARLY THIS AFTERNOON, ALL PARTIES AND BLOCS IN CONGRESS HAD INDICATED COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR AND CONFIDENCE IN VICE PRESIDENT AND WOULD SHORTLY BE ISSUING STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT.
- 3. SAME CONGRESSMAN INDICATED THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS JULY 2 TO VOICE APPROVAL OF VICE PRESIDEN'S ASSUMPTION OF POWER AND POSSIBLY TO VOTE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PERON.
- 4. ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS HAVE ALL EXPRESSED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR ACTING PRESIDENT.
- 5. AT THIS POINT CITY IS CALM. HOWEVER, RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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PERON HAS ALREADY PASSED AWAY AND THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEATH IS

IMMINENT. WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO ASCERTAIN VALIDITY OF RUMOR,
BUT SOURCES WE HAVE CONTACTED REPORT PERON CONDITION IS STABLE.
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